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The Senate Governmental Organization Committee
Senator Rod Wright, Chair
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bill: SB 103
Position: OPPOSE

Dear Senator Wright:

At its March 25, 2011 meeting, the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) voted to take a support if amended position on Senate Bill 103.

SB 103 requires a state body to hold its meetings via teleconference at the request of one of its members unless the chair determines that it would cost more than meeting in person.

The CBA currently pursues a policy that if a member has a reason that they cannot attend a meeting in person, the option of a teleconference is available. However, the CBA is concerned that, should this bill pass, it would be possible for a member of a state body to abuse the privilege and never attend a meeting in person. The CBA expressed its belief that meeting attendance is important so that members are exposed to the views and scrutiny of the public.

For these reasons, the CBA has taken an oppose position on SB 103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sarah J. Anderson'. The signature is fluid and includes a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Sarah J. Anderson, CPA
President

c: Senator Carol Liu
Members, California Board of Accountancy
Patti Bowers, Executive Officer